

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to cast a vote on rollcall 179 on the evening of May 22, 2013. I strongly oppose the Northern Route Approval Act and I would have voted "no" on passage of H.R. 3. This legislation is another reckless attempt to disregard due process for reviewing projects with significant implications for national security, the environment and public health. I have consistently stated that TransCanada's application for a permit to build the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline must undergo a full environmental review and public comment period, as required by law, before the President determines whether the project is within the national interest. It is irresponsible to waive environmental review and public comment, much less "deem approved" a project of such magnitude as the Keystone XL pipeline, especially in light of the recent tar sands disaster in Mayflower, Arkansas that spilled 210,000 gallons of heavy crude oil and displaced 22 families from their homes.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA HUTCHENRIDER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda Hutchenrider upon her upcoming retirement from her position as Town Clerk of Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Ms. Hutchenrider has been a constant figure in Barnstable's Town Hall since she first took a position with the town's local government in 1987. She was elected to her current position in 1993, and has been reelected in every election since. She has administered over 38 elections during her twenty-year tenure as Town Clerk, and her knowledge of the many intricacies of the position has gained her the respect and admiration of Clerks throughout the Commonwealth.

Ms. Hutchenrider's many accomplishments include having served as President of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association, President of the Cape and Islands Town Clerks Association, and Chair of the New England Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy. During her time as Barnstable Town Clerk, Ms. Hutchenrider also attained her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) and Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk (CMMC) designations, both of which required many hours of advanced training. While Ms. Hutchenrider may be retiring this June, she has not finished giving back to her field, and plans to serve as a volunteer teacher for the New England Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy this summer.

It is fitting to acknowledge and to thank those who have offered service to their communities, and Ms. Hutchenrider is a true embodiment of such an individual. I thank her for all that she has done for the Barnstable com-

munity, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and congratulating Ms. Linda Hutchenrider upon her retirement.

CONGRATULATING CARTERSVILLE BASEBALL ON THE DIVISION AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Cartersville High School Baseball team. On May 25th, the Purple Hurricanes swept the North Hall Trojans in a best of three championship series to win the AAA division state championship.

Although the North Hall Trojans put up a memorable fight, the Purple Hurricanes ultimately hit walk-off single to clench the program's 6th title in 12 years.

This season, Coach Stuart Chester, his staff, and these young men have worked tirelessly to earn their place in Georgia baseball history. The team's 14 seniors—who are no strangers to adversity—will enter the next chapter of their lives knowing that they have upheld their school's legacy of excellence and have set a high bar for future Purple Hurricanes teams to strive for.

I encourage the entire team to savor their victory and remember the season's important life lessons of responsibility, persistence, and self-discipline; they will undoubtedly make them better citizens and fathers as they grow older.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Cartersville Purple Hurricanes on their well-deserved 2013 division AAA State Championship title and wish them luck as they defend their title next year. This team has brought great pride to their school, the city of Cartersville, and Georgia's 11th District. Go Canes.

RECOGNIZING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF SYRACUSE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse in celebrating 150 years of proudly serving the Central New York community.

The Jewish Community Center of Syracuse is the second oldest of its kind in North America. Located at 5655 Thompson Road in DeWitt, the center offers a variety of services that have enriched the lives of the Jewish community in Syracuse for generations.

The center's Early Childhood Development Program introduces young children the important concepts of learning and teamwork. In addition, The Children's Department provides care whenever schools are closed, including: state and national holidays, school conference closure days, half days, and snow days.

Many seniors take advantage of the community center's Senior Department for serv-

ices ranging from affordable kosher meals to free manicures. Furthermore, the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse offers seniors an opportunity to stay active by utilizing the Neulander Family Sports & Fitness Center. Seniors can rest assured that the center provides instructors that take measures to ensure the safety and comfort of participants. Participation in these various programs allow seniors to stay involved in the community.

On June 6, 2013, The Jewish Community Center of Syracuse will hold its Annual Community You Can Count on Gala, with its focus on honoring its rich heritage over the past 150 years. The Gala with pay tribute to the past presidents who have had an instrumental role in forming what the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse is today. In addition to the 150th celebration on June 6, the Jewish Community Center will formerly recognize the renaming of the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse to the Sam Pomeranz Jewish Community Center of Syracuse.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing The Jewish Community Center of Syracuse and its 150 years of bettering the Syracuse community.

HONORING THE 2013 FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MILITARY ENLISTEES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundred and eighteen Fredericksburg, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Armed Forces after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selfless and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the Armed Forces:

Alva, Andrew E.; Anderson, James E.; Armstrong, Stephanie L.; Arrington, Tarance L.; Atkinson, Rebecca; Barksdale, Alexus; Barrett, Maurice N.; Baxter, Austen J.; Beckwith, Dillion B.; Benabides, Erika Y.; Berrios, Christopher B.; Bowling, Clinton M.; Boyd, Brandon M.; Bridgers, Charles W.; Cain, April R.; Campbell, Brandon J.; Carter, Devonte M.; Caylor, Steven W.; Clark, Nathan T.; Coleman, Sergio J.; Comings, Heather N.; Cooper, Theophilus G.; Corbett, Zoe; Daley, John R.; Davis, Devin H.; Dejesus, Joseph K.; Dejesus, Rasckey R.; Dennison, Michael P.; Devine, Andrew D.; Doggett, Daquan; East, Donald E.; Fagan, Daniel J.; Floyd, William; Frady, Nicholas; Gail, Liam M.; Gandy, Sabrina; Gonzalez, Dion A.; Grenke, Konnor E.; Griffiths, Tyler D.; Hall, Nathanael J.; Harcum, Brandon L.; Hartless, Evan; Hashbarger, Kyle R.; Hayward, Michael A.; Heard, Dwune A.; Heilman, John; Hennessey, Patrick J.; Herrera, Abraham L.; Hodge, Austin C.; Hopewell, Lashaad; Howell, Thomas J.; Hulo, Zachary R.; Irace, Dominic R.; Jenkins, Tiffany J.; Jeter, Chelsi; Johnson, Casey W.; Johnson, Dakota W.; Johnson, Ricky D.; Johnson, Simeon T.; Jones, Asya D.; Korovin, Nikita K.; Kratz, Joseph A.; Leclair, Daniel R.; Lee, Cameron T.;